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FROM AMBASSADOR

E. O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT DEBTS

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1. THIS EMBASSY HAS AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE DEEPLY INVOLVED IN DEBT COLLECTION EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF USG AGENCIES. WE ARE CONTINUING OUR EFFORTS TO OBTAIN FULL PAYMENT OF LONG OVERDUE SURPLUS PROPERTY DEBTS. GOI ARREARAGES IN RECENT YEARS MOST FREQUENTLY STEM FROM LACK OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION, AND WE SUGGEST THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO INVOKE GOOD OFFICES OF EMBASSY WHEN IRANIAN REPAYMENTS ARE SIX MONTHS OR MORE IN ARREARS. IN GENERAL, GOI OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN MOST COOPERATIVE ON DEBT ISSUE, AND THIS STEP WOULD PROBABLY ELIMINATE POSSIBILITY FURTHER SERIOUS DEBT DELINQUENCIES.

2. EMBASSY ALSO WORKING WITH MAAG TO ASSURE THAT OUR PROCEDURES FOR COLLECTION OF MILITARY DEBT ARREARAGES FULLY EFFECTIVE. THERE HAVE BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT ARREARAGES ON MILITARY DEBTS SINCE 1965, BUT THERE WILL BE LARGE VOLUME OF PAYMENTS IN COMING YEARS AND WE WISH TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT OUR COLLECTION PROCEDURES ARE ADEQUATE TO THIS TASK. IN THIS REGARD I WOULD

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HOPE THAT DOD WILL GIVE CONSIDERATION TO PREVIOUSLY SUGGESTED
QUOTE IRAN WATCH DESK UNQUOTE WHICH COULD PROVIDE SINGLE
CONTACT POINT FOR HANDLING PROBLEMS RELATING TO BILLING,
COLLECTION, AND ARREARAGE FOLLOW UP.
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